[22nd July 1953

*Cases of illicit distillation in Gingee taluk, South Arcot.*

9-2 a.m. * 862 *Q*.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state the total number of cases of illicit distillation detected in Gingee taluk, South Arcot district, during 1951–52?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISAMI GOUNDER :—" The total number of cases of illicit distillation detected, in Gingee taluk, during 1951–52 (from 1st April 1951 to 31st March 1952) is 198."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" What is the number of cases of illicit distillation detected during the previous year and is there a tendency for cases to increase in the current year or a tendency to decrease? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISAMI GOUNDER :—" For the information of the hon. Member, I can give the figures. In 1950–51, the number of cases detected was 107 and in 1951–52, it was 192."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" So there is a tendency to increase."

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISAMI GOUNDER :—" It does not mean that there is a tendency to increase. It shows the efficient manner of detection."

SRI A. GOVINDASWAMI NAYAGAR :—" கள்ளச் சாராயம் காய்ச்சுவது குடிசைத் தொழிலைப் போல மிகவும் அதிகரித்துக் கொண்டே வருவது இந்த அரசாங்கத்திற்கு நன்கு தெரிந்தும் கூட, அதைத் தடுப்பதற்கு தகுந்த நடவடிக்கை எடுக்காததற்குக் காரணம் அரசாங்க நிர்வாகத்தின் திறமை குன்றி விட்டது என்பதை கனம் மந்திரி ஒத்துக் கொள்வாரா ? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISAMI GOUNDER :—" I cannot admit that it has become a cottage industry. Cottage industry is something else intended for the improvement and development of the locality concerned. But if by that question an insinuation is aimed at the Government, I am not prepared to accept that."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" Sir, I have brought to the notice of the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition several cases of corruption prevalent among the Prohibition Police force. I want to know what action has been taken and with what results? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISAMI GOUNDER :—" A separate question may be put."

*Appointment of District Munsifs.*

* 863 *Q*.—SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(*a*) with reference to starred question No. 131-D answered on 23rd March 1953, whether applications were called for from candidates outside the High Court;